

# HEALTH AND MEDICAL AREA COMMAND SITUATION REPORT

## PUBLIC HEALTH – SEATTLE AND KING COUNTY

REPORT #: 2	OPERATIONAL PERIOD: 10/13/09-10/19/09	DATE: 10/16/09	TIME: 15:00
Incident Name/Incident Type: H1N1 Response			MISSION #: 09-2887
Locations/Areas Affected: King County			
HEALTH AND MEDICAL AREA COMMAND CENTER (ACC) STATUS			
ACC Activation Status:	<u>ACTIVATED</u>		
Location:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Primary Location	<input type="checkbox"/> Alternate Site:	
Hours of Operations:	<input type="checkbox"/> 24 Hour Ops.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Days/Hours: Monday - Friday 8 am - 5 pm	Off Hours Emergency Contact 24/7: Public Health Duty Officer

## EMERGENCY PROCLAMATIONS/DECLARATIONS

JURISDICTIONS	NAME OF JURISDICTION	DATE	COMMENTS
County Proclamation:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
Washington State Proclamation:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
Federal Health Declaration:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Sunday, 4/26/2009	The Department of Health and Human Services issued a nationwide public health emergency declaration in response to recent human infections with a newly discovered swine influenza A (H1N1) virus
Federal Disaster Declaration:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		

## RESPONSE GOALS

- Protect the public's health by minimizing the spread of H1N1 influenza in the community.
- Achieve situational awareness about flu activity in King County and impacts on the healthcare system and the broader community
- Support the informational and medical resource needs of healthcare partners
- Maintain consistent and timely public information about H1N1 flu and response activities
- Maximize availability of H1N1 vaccine to protect the public's health
- Maintain continuity of Public Health operations

## SUMMARY OF EVENT

### CURRENT SITUATION

Several indicators continue to show rising influenza activity in King County. Since the beginning of September, 51 hospitalizations for influenza have been reported. Twenty five of these are confirmed to be 2009 H1N1, and the majority of others are expected to be 2009 H1N1 as well.

Clinics that are part of Public Health's influenza surveillance system are showing more activity recently, with both the number of specimens and the percentage of positive tests for influenza unusually high for this time of year. Local hospital

laboratories have reported increased requests for rapid flu testing.

On October 15, Public Health reported the first death from complications related to confirmed 2009 H1N1 influenza this fall. This individual was a male in his 20's with underlying health conditions.

Seventeen of 19 King County school districts are reporting absenteeism through our automated system. Overall across all 17 school districts, 98% of elementary schools, 85% of middle schools, and 65% of high schools had absenteeism <10% for the week ending October 17th. Four percent of middle schools had a level of absenteeism between 10-20% the week ending 10/10/2009, compared with 15% the week ending 10/17/2009. Eighteen percent of high schools had a level of absenteeism between 10-20% the week ending 10/10/2009, compared with 28% the week ending 10/17/2009.

### **H1N1 VACCINE**

At this time H1N1 vaccine is not widely available for the general public in King County. The initial supplies of H1N1 vaccine that began arriving last week are being delivered to healthcare providers for vaccination of healthcare and EMS workers. Very small supplies of additional H1N1 vaccine are beginning to arrive to a limited number of health care providers so they can vaccinate their most at-risk patients.

Larger supplies of vaccine for the general public have not yet arrived in King County. As vaccine becomes more plentiful, it will be available at many health care providers, pharmacies, Public Health clinics and special community vaccination clinics.

Please visit [www.kingcounty.gov/health/H1N1](http://www.kingcounty.gov/health/H1N1) or call the Flu Hotline at 877-903-KING (5464) for frequent updates about vaccine availability and, once more vaccine arrives, locations where you can get H1N1 vaccinations.

### **ANTIVIRALS**

Public Health is continuing to monitor availability of commercial supplies of Tamiflu® in the community. Current reports indicate there is sufficient supply available in King County. Public Health is developing an allocation and distribution plan for the additional doses of oral suspension for Tamiflu® that were received by Public Health last week.

### **INFECTION CONTROL GUIDANCE**

On October 14, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued updated guidance on infection control measures in healthcare settings, including protection of healthcare personnel. This guidance addresses use of N95 respirators as well as a change to the general recommendation for how long healthcare workers exhibiting influenza like symptoms should be excluded from work. The updated CDC guidance is available at [http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/guidelines\\_infection\\_control.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/guidelines_infection_control.htm)

## **HEALTH AND MEDICAL AREA COMMAND – OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVES**

1. Allocate available formulations for H1N1 vaccine to Public Health, EMS and healthcare providers
2. Activate the Public Health Call Center capabilities to manage questions from providers and the public about vaccine availability
3. Finalize staffing plans and address supply needs for Public Health sites and Community Vaccination sites
4. Implement communication strategy for vaccine distribution

## **MAJOR ACTIONS**

- Ongoing influenza surveillance
- Allocated currently available H1N1 vaccine formulations
- Monitoring regional healthcare call center/nurse line call volume to trigger activation of Public health Call Center
- Mobilizing Public Health staff and Public Health Reserve Corps volunteers to support H1N1 flu and vaccine response activities
- Distributed Tamiflu® to community dispensing sites throughout King County
- Hosting reoccurring conference calls with regional pharmacies regarding commercial availability of Tamiflu®

supplies

- Developing plans for operating community vaccination clinics beginning in November
- Developing antiviral distribution plan for Tamiflu® oral suspension
- Developing communication materials and addressing media inquiries regarding H1N1 vaccine delivery
- Delivered H1N1 "Train the Trainer" to regional public educators
- Delivering H1N1 briefings to regional community partners

#### ESF-8 SITUATION STATUS REPORT – H1N1

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